



SUTTON

Worcester County



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NARRATIVE

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Sutton is a rural, residential community with much open space. Several farms still are active, producing sheep and breeding heifers as well as a great variety of vegetable for market. The town has three large lakes offering year-round recreation.

Although the cost of educating each pupil is well below the state average, the quality of education delivered by the school is quite high. Having just completed a \$10 million school addition project, the facilities are the newest and most up-to-date available.

Sutton is in a prime location for commuting to Worcester, Boston or Providence. With the opening of the Massachusetts Turnpike - Route 20, Route 146 Interchange scheduled for late in this decade, Sutton expects to be ripe for growth, both residential and commercial.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Location

South central Massachusetts, bordered by Douglas and Uxbridge on the south, Oxford on the west, Millbury on the north, Grafton on the northeast, Northbridge on the east. Sutton is about 12 miles south of Worcester; 45 miles southwest of Boston; 32 miles northwest of Providence, Rhode Island; and 176 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 33.93 sq. miles

Land Area: 32.38 sq. miles

Population: 6,824

Density: 211 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Buffumville Lake Station)

Normal temperature in January.....21.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....69.8°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.4"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Grafton, Worcester South, Uxbridge, Oxford

Regional Planning Agency

Central Massachusetts

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Worcester



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 865-5893

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1716

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	4,272		
Democrats	675	15.8	%
Republicans	406	9.5	%
Other parties	1	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,190	74.7	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Sutton town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	8,250	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	8,250	100.0
Male.....	4,111	49.8	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	58	0.7
Female.....	4,139	50.2	Mexican.....	9	0.1
Under 5 years.....	629	7.6	Puerto Rican.....	14	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	744	9.0	Cuban.....	7	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	694	8.4	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	28	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	521	6.3	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	8,192	99.3
20 to 24 years.....	300	3.6	White alone.....	8,064	97.7
25 to 34 years.....	1,012	12.3	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,585	19.2	Total population.....	8,250	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,366	16.6	In households.....	8,244	99.9
55 to 59 years.....	450	5.5	Householder.....	2,811	34.1
60 to 64 years.....	279	3.4	Spouse.....	2,005	24.3
65 to 74 years.....	386	4.7	Child.....	2,894	35.1
75 to 84 years.....	221	2.7	Own child under 18 years.....	2,290	27.8
85 years and over.....	63	0.8	Other relatives.....	285	3.5
Median age (years).....	36.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	101	1.2
18 years and over.....	5,821	70.6	Nonrelatives.....	249	3.0
Male.....	2,868	34.8	Unmarried partner.....	120	1.5
Female.....	2,953	35.8	In group quarters.....	6	0.1
21 years and over.....	5,595	67.8	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	811	9.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	6	0.1
65 years and over.....	670	8.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	317	3.8	Total households.....	2,811	100.0
Female.....	353	4.3	Family households (families).....	2,283	81.2
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,188	42.3
One race.....	8,205	99.5	Married-couple family.....	2,005	71.3
White.....	8,100	98.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,048	37.3
Black or African American.....	23	0.3	Female householder, no husband present.....	190	6.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	11	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	99	3.5
Asian.....	49	0.6	Nonfamily households.....	528	18.8
Asian Indian.....	20	0.2	Householder living alone.....	421	15.0
Chinese.....	4	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	174	6.2
Filipino.....	1	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,260	44.8
Japanese.....	6	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	503	17.9
Korean.....	5	0.1	Average household size.....	2.93	(X)
Vietnamese.....	1	-	Average family size.....	3.27	(X)
Other Asian ¹	12	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	2,950	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	2,811	95.3
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	139	4.7
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	81	2.7
Some other race.....	22	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.2	(X)
Two or more races.....	45	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.9	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	2,811	100.0
White.....	8,144	98.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	2,498	88.9
Black or African American.....	35	0.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	313	11.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	26	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.02	(X)
Asian.....	56	0.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.21	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	34	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 40

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Sutton is located in the Blackstone River Valley, which played a major role in early American industrial development due to its natural resources and strategic location between Worcester and Providence. Situated between Interstates 90, 395, and 495, today the Blackstone Valley has good highway and rail access to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Worcester, Providence and Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 122A and State Route 146 running N.W.-S.E. between Worcester and Providence, Rhode Island.

Rail

There is no freight rail service in Sutton, but the town has easy access to the network of intermodal facilities serving Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Bus

Sutton is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) but does not receive services.

Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility, is located 3 mi. W of the city. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500'x 150' and 6,999'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Peter Pan Bus Lines offers transportation to Logan International Airport from Worcester 7 days a week.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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